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Dawson College censors paper

The Plant told to paint over photo of erect penis

BY AUBREY COHEN

Last Tuesday, Dawson College's student paper, the *Plant*, decided to try and get people thinking. It has; but in the process, it has also gotten itself censored.

The *Plant* ran a photo on its cover of a naked student with an erect penis holding an unrolled condom. The photo featured a student model, and was taken by a student photographer. The reaction of Michelle Clabrough, Dawson's head of Student Services, was to pull the issue off the stands. The school went so far as to even confiscate copies of the issue from the *Plant*'s office.

Sean Garrity, the editor in chief of the *Plant*, explained what happened.

"[The issue] came out on Tuesday at 15h. Issues were going like mad. Wednesday, it was pulled by 13h30. It was pulled by one person... [Clabrough] did not go to student affairs... She just did it on her own, [even though] there was already a meeting planned for 14h30."

Chris Pap, president of the Dawson Student Union, criticized Clabrough's actions, "I felt that [Clabrough] did not handle the situation properly. It was a rash decision."

He pointed out that the school has a Media Committee, made up of students, which should make such decisions.

Clabrough defended her actions, saying she consulted with the Director General of the school before deciding to pull the issue. She claimed that she would have called a meeting of the Media Committee for the morning, before she made her decision, but students were in classes then.

Clabrough also observed, "If you're to view that particular issue [of how the decision to pull the paper was made] as the issue, it's irresponsible."

She explained that the paper was pulled due to legal considerations. "The picture in question certainly could be considered pornographic," she said, adding that, since the paper is incorporated into the school, the school could be sued for it.

Garrity talked to several lawyers to find out the extent of legal culpability. "The justification for [pulling the issue] is that Dawson's lawyers are advising them not to [publish the photo] because they can get sued... because [The *Plant* is] not totally autonomous. I checked that with [the Canadian University Press] and, as far as I know now, [The *Plant*] can't be sued," he explained.

Pap commented, "The intent was definitely not for it to be pornographic, yet some people may interpret it as that."

Garrity said his intention was not to shock or offend, but to educate,

"This is from a series of 'How to put on a condom' photos.... My main intent was to show the students why a naked man will grab your attention... I view nudity as an art instead of sexual and I totally don't agree with shock value... This was more or less an attempt to grab the students and ask them 'why does this shock you?'"

Commenting on the student reaction, Garrity said, "I've gotten many letters, it seems to be very split... The good feedback was that it's good to see a student paper breaking taboos, forcing people to think." As for the negative feedback, he noted, "It's like they've never seen a penis before... I've had people storming in here saying that it's obscenity, pornography."

Garrity said he was surprised by some students' negative reaction. "I misjudged students," he observed, "I thought they were so liberal."

The editor in chief said he has few regrets about the issue. His said his one mistake was "pulling rank... I should

have gone to my editorial board."

He explained that he made the decision to run the photo without first consulting the rest of the paper's editorial board.

Leah Giannakis, the *Plant*'s Arts editor, commented that she did not agree with the decision to run the picture without an accompanying article, but is now in favour of putting the issue out. "We want it to go out the way it is," she said. "We put too much hard work into it for it to be thrown out."

After the initial meeting with Clabrough, the *Plant* agreed to paint over the offending penis with white spray paint. The staff of the paper started to do this, but was forced to stop when they were



The offending penis had to be painted over for distribution.

informed that they were clogging the ventilation system in the building.

The next day, the Media Committee met to discuss the issue. They decided that simply covering the penis wasn't enough and that the penis, the condom, and the man's wristwatch should be covered with black paint. The *Plant* still has not decided whether or not it will comply or fight the decision.

"If we put the square on it, then we're kind of agreeing that [the picture is] obscene... My editorial board and I haven't totally come to a conclusion yet. Under the law... it's educational," Garrity said.

SSMU joins FEUQ; some concerned over group's pro-sovereignty stance

BY SARA MAYO

The council of the Students' Society of McGill University voted to provisionally join FEUQ, the Fédération des Étudiant(e)s Universitaires du Québec, last Thursday. Although there was a lengthy debate, the motion passed with only three members opposed.

FEUQ's pro-sovereignty stance and its majority francophone membership were the two factors cited by councilors as reasons to oppose joining the Fédération.

"How can they [FEUQ] represent anglophones if their constitution is not available in English?" asked Science Undergraduate Society (SUS) president Glen Posner.

Clubs representative Chris Carter showed little sympathy for councilors with these concerns. He labelled councilors who were worried about how anglophone students would be treated in a majority French federation as "irrational, paranoid anglos", and pointed out that "we live in Montréal, not Toronto."

Nick Benedict, SSMU's VP External, tried to reassure councilors that the Fédération has shown a commitment to meeting the needs of its anglophone members. He stated that he has received a personal guarantee from FEUQ that if SSMU joins, all FEUQ documentation will be available in English as well as French.

However, representatives from the SUS told council that they were also worried that FEUQ may take a pro-sovereignty stand when a provincial referendum is called. Amin Kassam, residence rep, expressed similar concerns, saying that it would be contradictory for SSMU to be a member of a pro-sovereignty organization because two years ago council passed a motion that prevents it from taking sides on "divisive issues".

Benedict replied that if SSMU was forced to take a pro-sovereignty stand, "[He] would be here in a nanosecond to withdraw from FEUQ."

Yet most councilors praised the benefits of FEUQ. "The power of partnership is undeniable," said Paul Johnson,

SSMU's VP Finance.

Benedict explained that because of the pending budget cuts, students must unite under a federation to protect their interests. "Bringing McGill with Université de Montréal, Sherbrooke and Rimouski, it only makes us stronger," Benedict said.

Furthermore, Benedict explained that membership in FEUQ will be provisional for up to a year. To become a full member, SSMU must hold a referendum asking students to pay \$2.50 per term per student, for a total of close to \$80,000 a year. Provisional membership, on the other hand, costs about \$7000 dollars a year.

The \$7000 will come from SSMU's "Council and Committees" budget, and will not require any additional student levies this year. When asked how the loss of this \$7000 would affect the executives' job descriptions or SSMU's budget in general, Benedict admitted that the fee would present no problem because joining FEUQ had already been budgeted for at the beginning of the year.

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COMMENT

Student Code of Conduct not much better

Months of revisions still leave students guilty 'til proven innocent

After months of hard work, Dean Irwin Gopnik and his committee have hashed out another draft of the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures. Some things have changed, but significant things haven't. The items in the Code that haven't changed are what bother me.

As it stands, a student is still considered guilty until proven innocent for charges of plagiarism when going before the Hearing Committee. A fundamental right of all Canadians is that they are presumed innocent until proven otherwise, so why is it that McGill can decide to suspend this right for a student that is *accused* of plagiarism?

The Code also intends to keep the amendment that states that a student may be suspended for up to 50 days. During this time the student is still responsible for any assignments or tests missed. In other words, you can be kicked off campus for about a month, and when you come back you have no excuse for missing that crucial midterm or not handing in that rather beefy paper.

Another item that the Code intends to keep as is, is the increase in the levy that a student can be fined. In the past a student could be fined a maximum of \$150, but under the new code there are instances where a student can be fine up to \$500 for breaches of the conduct code. For people who have enough problems trying to rub two loonies together, this fine is an incredible amount. What will happen to the student that cannot raise this amount of money?

Gopnik has added that any computer violations will be dealt with in accordance to the McGill Computing Facilities Code of Conduct, and that a student may have an advisor during the hearing as long as it is a member of the McGill community. These changes are small improvements for students who make regular use of McGill's computer facilities, but they seem mild in comparison to what was not changed in the Code of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures.

Max Francisco

Come to this Wednesday's senate meeting in Leacock 232 at 2:30pm and show that you care about your rights on campus. If you don't who will?

LETTERS

In defense of one fag hag's experience

To The Daily,

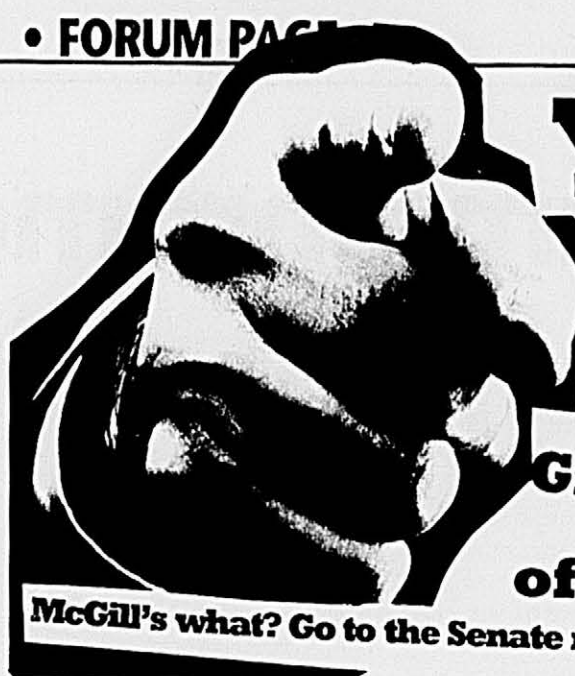
In response to Alex Olson's letter slamming the recent article on Fag Hags by Juliana Hodgson, I must comment on his ridiculous extrapolations. Ms Hodgson does not *once* imply that all gay men like to shop, sing Broadway musicals and partake in "fashion crime". This article is clearly written from her *own* experience (hence the title, "One Fag Hag's View") with her *own* gay friend, and this is what *they* do. Furthermore, how childish of Mr. Olson to drag issues such as "police brutality, AIDS" and "sexism" into his argument, and in doing so, make the generalization that "fag hags" disappear in a puff of smoke when things get rough. If you don't want generalizations made about queers, how dare you make them about others? I am sure Ms. Hodgson, and others like her, would be there to support her queer friends —

both men and women — through tough times. These are some of the people who *have* overcome the prejudice and homophobia instilled in them by society. This article was a heartfelt, sincere account of *one person's experience* in that gray area between the queer world and the straight world. Why should we turn our backs on our friends just because they are straight? Mr. Olson's letter, implying both that "fag hags" are indifferent to queer issues, and that the author has somehow perpetrated sweeping generalizations about gay men, only serves to reinforce Ms. Hodgson's allegations of unfair treatment by queers. And, by the way, I like to shop and sing showtunes too! Lighten up.

Peter Nicoll
U3 Music

Co-ordinating Editor, Queery
(LBGM)

Ed. note: Alex Olson is a woman.



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HYDE PARK

A model for Palestinian liberation

An opinion submitted by Mark Marshall

I read with interest Zeid Salah's Hyde Park (Nov. 2). I'm not sure we really disagree on anything substantial. To deny the existence of occupation — which is a technical legal term — is not to deny the existence of oppression. The South Africans were oppressed under apartheid, but they weren't occupied: that is not "to deny the existence of South Africa." The blacks were an indigenous population oppressed by a dominant White community of foreign origin that lived in the same country. The Palestinians are oppressed in the same way by Israelis who live in the same country. That country is called "Israel" by the Jewish population and "Palestine" by the Arab population.

Given the current balance of power, a model of Palestinian liberation based on the hypocritical demand that the State of Israel withdraw from the "occupied territory" (hypocritical because the PLO leadership has legally ceded sovereignty, and knows it) is likely to lead to the creation of an Arab Bantustan in a series of enclaves in Gaza, Jericho, and around Nablus and perhaps a couple of other population centres. This will allow the State of Israel to keep effective sovereignty over the land while being freed of responsibility for the Arab population, which will be given "citizenship" in a bogus "Palestinian state." The Oslo Accord is a step in that direction. The best hope for the Arab population of Palestine (including the exiled refugees, of course) to achieve any real measure of liberation is to take the South African route: to insist on full rights for the Arab population on the basis of equality with the Jewish population. After the State of Israel is democratized, its official name may perhaps be changed to something more acceptable to both segments of the population — but that won't happen until the Palestinians demand citizenship.

LETTERS

More questions for Said

To the Daily,

I'm pretty sure that most people who read the *Daily* read it for mere shock value and don't take anything they read in it too seriously, but on the chance that there might be a few students who actually take it at face value I would like to clear up two arguments in the Israeli-Palestinian "debate". Not only am I disgusted by the *Daily's* support of Hamas's terrorism, but I am amazed by the inaccuracy of the articles in the *Daily*.

My first query is with the "professor" who claimed that the only thing Israel built in Judea and Samaria were jails. It just so happens that the standard of living in the territories has increased from \$400 per capita GNP to \$2000 per capita GNP under Israeli rule.

Infant mortality has decreased by 200%, and 800% more Palestinians are born in hospitals. Despite the barbaric Intifada and Palestinian terrorism, hospitals, schools, parks and construction of sewage systems have been built in Judea and Samaria. Agriculture produced in Judea and Samaria feeds Palestinians and is exported to other Arab countries. For an expert on the topic, this professor seems like a moron to me.

My second query is with the existence of Palestine. No one is claiming that Palestine never existed. Before 1948 there was a country named Palestine which consisted which consisted of both Arabs (not Palestinians) and Jews. In 1948 it was divided into a Jewish region and an Arab region with Jerusalem as an international city. The Jews

were fine with this arrangement, but the Arabs were not and several Arab states attacked Israel. Luckily they were defeated, although Israel was much smaller. The Arab and Palestinians attacked Israel again in 1967, and in this six day war Israel liberated Judea and Samaria. Thus, Palestinians have no land because of their own aggression and consequently, right now, there is no place called Palestine.

Over the two years that I have been at McGill, I have never seen so much Arab propaganda as I am seeing in the *Daily*. I caution you to verify information with reliable sources. One good book that I found was *Myths and Facts* by Mitchell G. Barb and Noel Himelfarb.

Andrew Bloom
Management U2

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Sexist column promotes violence against women, says feminist

BY MELANIE NEWTON

Students at both Concordia and McGill are baffled by two columns which appeared in a Concordia student newspaper this week.

The McGill Women's Union has joined several students in denouncing Brendan Richardson's "Sad Bastard" and Mark Rollins' "The Other Side", which ran in the Wednesday issue of the *Concordian* as sexist.

No one seems to be sure just what the point is behind the columns. In "The Other Side", Rollins tells his audience how much he loves women's breasts. According to the column, the very sight of breasts makes the author want to masturbate in public places. Derogatory terms for breasts are bolded throughout the piece.

"I will be having a nice, romantic candlelight dinner with my girl... next thing I know, I'm having carnal thoughts about licking the waitress' nipples and taking a bite outta the hostess' huge melons."

In an appendage to the column, entitled the "Handy Hint of the Week", Rollins asserts "... Before all you radical-feminists get your knickers in a twist; go play with your tits for a while... it might help you to get over your frigidity."

"Sad Bastard" appears to be a discussion of the author's sexual prowess and a comparison between socially acceptable sexual practices in Montréal and the author's small town.

"Pregnancy is such an integral part of my home-town's collective consciousness that women are categorized according to egg count. Worthy wombs are awarded special status such as the right to vote, preferential treatment at aerobic's (sic) classes, and the right to table dance for her alderman of choice," reads "Sad Bastard".

Satirical and humorous, says the *Concordian*. Sexist and dangerous, says at least one feminist.

McGill Women's Union birth control co-ordinator Erin Cronin is among those who finds the column "The Other Side" offensive.

"When I read Mark Rollins and I got to the third paragraph, I lost any trace of anything called tolerance. It's almost like he's blaming the fact that women have breasts for the fact that he has to satisfy himself sexually. I think he needs mental help," says Cronin.

While she thought that "Sad

Bastard" might get away with being "a satirical piece" she found The Other Side to be "in poor taste."

"Those lines where he was saying 'Every time I get close to a woman, I see another with boobs that I have to get my hands on'; it's lending credence to the argument that rape is justifiable because the man lost control because the woman was too alluring. I found it a dangerous article," says Cronin.

In a letter to the *Daily Concordian* editor-in-chief Daniel Nemirof defended the decision to print the columns: "The columns in question are not simply opinion. They are intended as entertainment. They run on the entertainment page, and they are written in a humorous vein."

Concordian entertainment editor Elena McLeod said, "... The column itself is a satirical column. The definition of the word 'satire' is to hold up society's vices to ridicule. That's exactly what the column does."

Apparently several readers disagree. According to Nemirof and McLeod, the *Concordian* has received several letters and phone calls, mostly regarding "The Other Side".

Concordian editors see no problem

Nemirof says that "very few" of the calls have been "in favour" of the columns, but that he's not sure why. "The whole thing about promoting violence against women is

"If you get a bunch of guys sitting around and drinking you're going to hear a lot of conversation that sounds like this column."

— Concordian editor-in-chief,

Daniel Nemirof

beyond me. To bold every single reference to breasts and be that obvious — to most people it's obvious that this is taking things to extremes," says McLeod.

However, Cronin, and several others who have responded negatively to the piece disagree.

"I've never read the *Concordian*. [Members of the Women's Union] were wondering if it was meant to be satirical... We thought the purpose of it was to rouse reaction. But it seems too explicit, too descriptive. I don't see the purpose of it at all," said Cronin.

Nemirof argues that not printing the column would have been

tantamount to censorship. He sees no point in denying that opinions such as those expressed in "The Other Side" exist.

"...The question people have been asking me is 'Why should this be in a student newspaper?' I say: if anywhere, that's where it should be. The whole point is to run as wide a variety of opinion as possible. [Even] if it's an opinion that's wrong," he said.

To illustrate his point, Nemirof cited the case of Ernst Zundel, who denies the Holocaust ever happened, and who has been convicted of printing and distributing neo-Nazi hate literature, as an example of the negative effects of censorship.

Deadline past to be heard on Axworthy reform

Student groups weren't notified

BY COREEN LARSON

REGINA (CUP) — Lloyd Axworthy is having a party, but you're not invited.

A committee representing the Ministry of Human Resources will be meeting with students to discuss proposed changes to post-secondary funding. Students had until Oct. 24 to apply to be at the discussion. But students at large were not notified about the meeting or the deadline. And few student groups knew either.

Both the University of Toronto (U of T) and the University of Manitoba (U of M) barely made the deadline.

Student representatives said the timeline for the consultation process is unreasonable. "This is one of the largest social policy reviews ever and there are only five weeks of public consultation. It seems tokenistic," said Gareth Spanglett, president of the U of T's student union. "The recommendations seem to be set in stone."

Blessing Rugara, U of M's student union president, agreed. "It seems rather unreasonable," Rugara commented. "I would be hesitant to think the government is acting in good faith."

Other student groups, like the University of Regina's (U of R) student council, found out about the meeting by accident. Former council president Loretta Gerlach was at a conference in British Columbia when she heard about it from a colleague.

Gerlach then contacted local MP and federal Minister of Agriculture Ralph Goodale's office for more information, but no one there knew anything about the deadline.

Current U of R student council

"For example you could say Ernst Zundel is wrong and he's a criminal, and it's really hard to say that until you hear what he's actually saying." Asked if he would consider printing a column denying the Holocaust, Nemirof replied, "I would have to look it over".

He added, "If you get a bunch of guys sitting around and drinking you're going to hear a lot of conversation that sounds like this column."

The *Concordian* entertainment editor seemed to agree.

"Humour always offends somebody... I really can't stand censorship. To me censorship is akin to fascism, and I won't censor the hu-

mour column. I giggled when I read it," said McLeod. "I am a woman, and I was in no way offended by it," she continued.

The Concordia Women's Centre is not speaking to the press about a possible reaction until the middle of the week, when the entire co-ordinating committee can be consulted. The Women's Union has also not decided whether or not to take organized action.

According to Cronin, poor judgment and insensitivity, rather than censorship, are the real issues.

"I'm totally against censorship but I wouldn't want that to be printed... [There was] no sensitivity towards women in that article."



Minister Lloyd Axworthy has proposed one of the largest tuition hikes and social welfare cuts in Canada's history.

president Mark Fortier says the group rushed to get a proposal together. "We put together a 20-30 page report that outlines the effects the changes could have on students at the U of R," Fortier said.

A committee representing the Ministry of Human Resources will meet with students who sent in submissions before the deadline.

Applications received after Oct. 24 will not be accepted by the committee. Late proposals from individuals can be submitted by calling an MP's office and requesting a work book.

Other students who missed the submission deadline can attend the hearings, but their proposals will not be heard.

by Conrad Siehler

"...suddenly someone looked up, and we saw that, marching up along the same route that the Timorese had come, a long line of Indonesian troops, dressed in brown, holding M-16's in front of them, marching in a very slow, deliberate fashion — hundreds and hundreds of troops, coming straight at the Timorese..."

"...the soldiers marched straight up to us, they never broke their stride, we were enveloped by the troops, and when they got a few yards past us, within a dozen yards of the Timorese, they raised their rifles to their shoulders all at once, and they opened fire..."

"...in an instant, the Timorese were down, just torn apart by the bullets. The street was covered with bodies, covered with blood — and the soldiers did not stop; they kept shooting until there was no-one left standing..."

This was the scene in Dili, East Timor, on November 12, 1991, according to eyewitness Alan Nairn, an American journalist. A group of unarmed Timorese farmers, students, young people and civil servants had gathered that day to march in a funeral procession in honour of Sebastio Gomez. Gomez was a young activist killed two weeks before by the army, as he hid in a church seeking refuge.

The procession swelled to about 5,000 people, and the people began to chant anti-government slogans before the Indonesian Army took action. Without mercy, the army enforced the long standing law against public assembly and criticism of the government. The result came to be known as the Santa Cruz Massacre, with 271 unarmed men, women, and children killed, 250 missing, and 383 wounded.

The Santa Cruz Massacre is the most recent large-scale act in a long line of genocidal violence against the East Timorese, acts all too familiar to most activists and, sadly, all too unfamiliar to most members of the general public. Since the 1975 Indonesian invasion, 200 000 to 250 000 East

Timorese, a full third of the population, have been killed through systemic extermination, forced starvation, and day-to-day repression by the military state.

This has been accompanied by a "systemic sterilization program of indigenous East Timorese women," according to Ximenes Belo, the Catholic Bishop of East Timor. There has also been a cultural and physical uprooting of the East Timorese people to make way for Indonesian "settlers."

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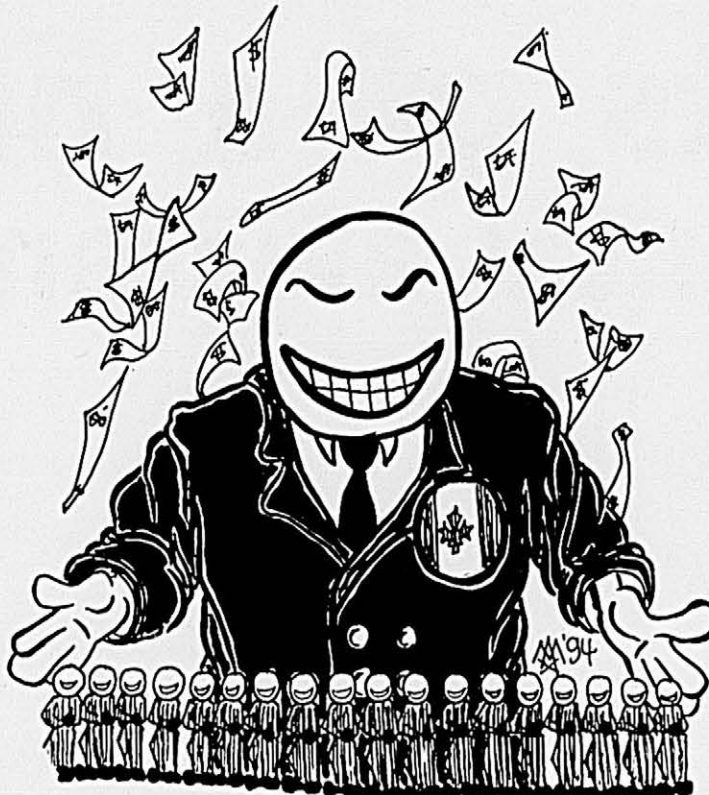
What is even less well known is the degree of support by Western governments for Indonesia's government. Indonesia has been "responsible for human rights violations on a staggering scale since the 1965 military coup which brought it to power," according to an Amnesty International briefing.

The US government and the CIA have been arming, training, and advising the Indonesian military dictatorship since that time. The US has also been providing Indonesia with diplomatic support in the UN by stonewalling attempts to seriously address the genocide in East Timor. Western complicity in the East Timor genocide, however, is not limited to our powerful neighbour to the south.

Canada has consistently abstained from voting on, and has even voted against, UN resolutions deploring the invasion and calling for self-determination for East Timor. In 1983, a Canadian External Affairs official stated that "we do not have a view on whether the Indonesian invasion [of East Timor] was a good or bad thing."

Recently the Canadian government was "impressed by [the Indonesian government's] demonstrated commitment to the economic and social advancement of the East Timorese people." These accolades came despite the continuation of what Amnesty calls a "systemic and persistent violation of human rights" in East Timor. Over the years, Canada has downplayed the atrocities in East Timor while giving Indonesia strong diplomatic, economic, and even military support.

Why would Canada continue to support a régime with such an appalling human rights record? With the world's fourth largest population, a quickly growing economy, and abundant natural resources, "Indonesia is one of the most



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"These ill-bred people have to be shot... and we will shoot them."

General Try Sutrisno, Indonesian armed forces commander at the Santa Cruz massacre

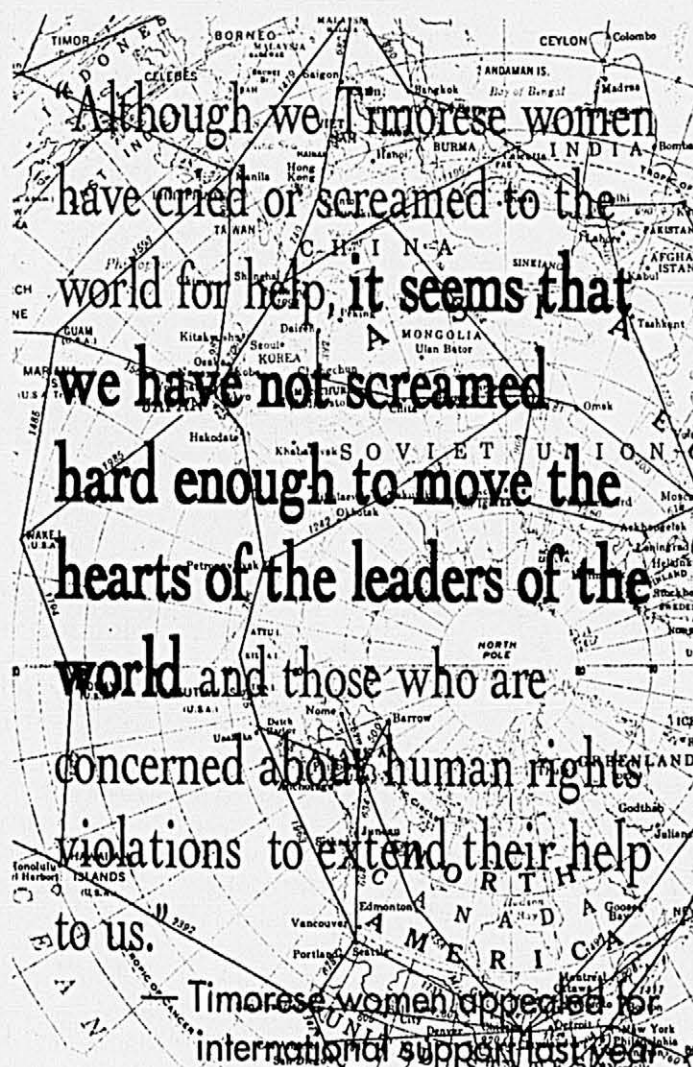
exciting emerging economies in the dynamic Asia-Pacific region," according to the president of the Canadian Exporters' Association.

Last year, Indonesia was the second largest recipient of Canadian aid. Canadian investments in the country now exceed \$3 billion. Canada and other Western nations are falling over each other in pursuit of the almighty buck in Indonesia, and the East Timorese people just happened to be in the way.

The greatest obstacle to Canadians potentially helping the East Timorese is a lack of knowledge about the situation in that country. There is such a lack of mainstream press coverage of the genocide being committed by our Asian ally that most people have never even heard of East Timor. However, with enough awareness, Canadians could potentially pressure its government into changing its policy towards Indonesia.

Genocide and betrayal

Canada continues to support a murderous régime in East Timor



WHAT YOU CAN DO

Abe Soares, an East Timorese, and the Canadian representative of the National Council of Maubere Resistance (an umbrella organization of East Timorese nationalist groups), is coming to Montréal next week, on the third anniversary of the Santa Cruz Massacre. He will speak at Vanier College at 13h and 16h on Wednesday, November 9 (ask the main office for the room number) and at Dawson College on November 11 at 11h30 in room 2C11. Everyone is welcome.

On Saturday, November 12, there will be a benefit concert for a free East Timor with proceeds going to help political prisoners in East Timor. It will be at 21h at the Maison de la Culture Mondiale, 3812 St. Laurent. Admission is \$5 for unwaged and students and \$8 for others. East Timorese, Ballan, and Native Canadian folk music will be featured.

If you would like to sign a petition as part of a national campaign to pressure the Canadian government into supporting an arms embargo against Indonesia and other policy reforms, stop by the Daily Office.

For more information on any of these events or on East Timor in general, or if you would like to help, please contact the East Timor Action Network at 848-7443.

The roots of a new environmental awareness

Jane Goodall inspires Montréal and guides child environmentalists



BY MARTIN HORAK

The global environmental crisis, human relations with the animal world, and problems of social justice in human societies are issues which preoccupy many of us during our university years. But between discussions of acid rain, species extinction, poverty and a host of other topics, we often forget that taking an intellectual stand also implies taking some concrete action. If not, our words will remain empty.

This week, Jane Goodall, renowned chimpanzee researcher and environmental activist, came to Montreal with an eloquent message of the importance and power such individual action can have in addressing environmental, humane, and social concerns.

On Tuesday night at the Palais des Congres, Dr. Goodall spoke to some 2,000 people at a fundraising and publicity evening, organized by her own Jane Goodall Association and the Montreal public school teachers' association. The fundraising and publicity were for Dr. Goodall's new "Roots and Shoots" program, which aims to strengthen the environmental, humane, and social consciousness of children in many countries, by encouraging them to take action in their own communities on issues which concern them.

Dr. Goodall, who many of us know for her pioneering studies of chimpanzee behavior in the wild, opened her address with a description of how her 30-year research on

chimpanzees in the Gombe Reserve in Tanzania has gradually led her towards the idea of this new program. "The chimpanzees have taught us that where we used to think there was a sharp line dividing man from the animals, that line is very blurry," Dr. Goodall stated.

She mentioned many discoveries that her research has produced over the years which support this view. Chimpanzees use tools, they are capable of problem-solving and

they grow up. Chimpanzee habitat in Africa is fast vanishing, swallowed up by logging companies and the ever-growing masses of rural poor. In the 'developed' world, chimpanzees are kept in cruel conditions in medical research facilities.

Faced with the above facts, Dr. Goodall set up the Jane Goodall Institute some 10 years ago, to promote the cause of chimpanzees in the wild and in captivity. Among its

schools not only in Africa, but in Japan, Europe, and North America as well. The program follows the rationale that, as Dr. Goodall noted on Tuesday, "if we don't act locally and see the results of our efforts, then we dare not think globally because the picture is too grim."

Roots and Shoots' three-fold philosophy of "care and concern for the environment, care and concern for nonhuman animals, and care

"If we don't act locally and see the results of our efforts, then we dare not think globally because the picture is too grim."

— Jane Goodall



of planning for the near future, they have a sense of 'self' as well as a rich and complex family life, and they "feel emotions similar to those that we describe as joy, fear, and despair."

Institute to protect chimps

However, Dr. Goodall noted, humans are threatening the survival and the well-being of "our closest living relatives". in many ways. Chimpanzees are hunted for food in parts of equatorial Africa, or captured and sold as infants to rich pet owners who discard them when

many activities, the Institute has established a chimpanzee sanctuary in the Congo, where baby chimpanzees confiscated or bought back from wildlife dealers find a safe home. However, the Institute does not confine itself to protecting chimpanzees, but has taken on a more holistic approach, trying to address the problems which make humans a threat to chimpanzees and their habitat in the first place.

Besides being involved in rural development and literacy programs in Tanzania, Dr. Goodall and her Institute are now developing the Roots and Shoots program in

and concern for each other", will be implemented through motivating children to form Roots and Shoots clubs in schools. These will focus on learning about animals and the environment, and on small-scale environmental, humane, and social activities in the local community - anything from starting up a recycling program in school to walking dogs for elderly people.

The Jane Goodall Institute will provide folders of guidelines and suggestions for Roots and Shoots activities, which are intended for use by teachers in primary schools to guide their students, or by groups

of students themselves in secondary schools. Dr. Goodall said that her Institute will also link up schools in different countries via mail or the Internet, so that students can share projects, ideas, and perspectives. As to financing, Dr. Goodall emphasized that she would "never want to see Roots and Shoots as a Father Christmas". She would like the program to remain decentralized to avoid administrative costs and bureaucracy, and students involved in the program will be encouraged to fundraise themselves for any activities they undertake.

Tanzania to Montreal

The first Roots and Shoots program, Dr. Goodall said, was instituted in some Tanzanian schools in 1991. Despite the poor state of many Tanzanian schools, Dr. Goodall said that Roots and Shoots clubs have so far been very successful there. The children showed a fascination with wildlife and the environment, she noted, and even started up a paper recycling program which involved the only recycling plant in the Tanzanian capital of Dar-es-Salaam. It may seem unduly optimistic of Dr. Goodall to expect that getting Tanzanian schoolchildren involved in Roots and Shoots will have a substantial effect on environmental and social problems which stem from widespread poverty, a factor which children can hardly be expected to have much influence over. Indeed, Dr. Goodall acknowledged that "these people know that, for example, cutting down the forest creates a desert - but they often have no choice". Nonetheless, it does seem plausible that, in conjunction with effective development initiatives, Roots and Shoots can help to foster the kind of empowered attitude which is necessary to combat the cycle of poverty and environmental degradation.

Dr. Goodall and her Institute are now promoting Roots and Shoots in North America as well, and, as the support of Montreal teachers and Tuesday's packed address at the Palais des Congres showed, here in Montreal they have gotten off to an auspicious start. Dr. Goodall's impassioned talk brought a standing ovation from the audience, and more than one person commented afterwards on the "inspiring example" that Dr. Goodall sets for activists everywhere.

Slipping back into our university world, we may say that it seems like many of the worst environmental and social problems are way beyond the reach of small groups of schoolchildren. However, Dr. Goodall counters that "hundreds of thousands of Roots and Shoots around the world can change the world", and that the program "brings a message of hope in a time when many environmentalists are standing up and telling us it's already too late." Perhaps the Roots and Shoots activist ethos is something that many of us, too, would do well to take to heart.

For more information on the Jane Goodall Institute or the Roots and Shoots program, you can contact the Montreal branch of the Institute, located at 5165 Sherbrooke West, Suite 408 (phone 369-3384).





events

- The 2nd Annual William R. Slatkoff Commemorative Lecture will be held on Monday, November 7, 1994, on "Is there a 'Right to Die' at 18h at the Moot Court, Chancellor Day Hall, Faculty of Law. Panelists include Svend Robinson et al.
- CORRECTION: Svend Robinson will be speaking Tuesday at 11:30 in the Shatner Ballroom, and not in Leacock 26. Svend Robinson, Member of Parliament for Burnaby Kingsway, is well known for his outspoken advocacy of gay/lesbian and environmental issues, among others. All welcome.
- Emergency SSMU Council Meeting Monday, November 7th, at 19h30, Leacock 232. Agenda topic: short term university budget cut-backs in relation to long term planning. All Welcome.
- Women's Union sponsored brainstorming session to help find ideas for designing posters for an on campus poster activism awareness campaign to tackle discrimination. Today at 18h, Shatner 302
- Islam Awareness Week, November 7-11 - An Invitation to Think! Today: 10h30 - 15h Islamic Exhibit and Sale at Shatner 107-108.
- Today PC McGill presents Senator Gerard Beaudoin, legal scholar and constitutional expert, Arts Council Room, 16h17h The topic is Quebec's future.
- The QPIRG Organic Food Co-Op orders food every MONDAY, 12:30 - 18h30 in the QPIRG office (room 505 in the Eaton Building). Newcomers are welcome! Call 398-7432.
- Amnesty International meets every Tuesday. This week: workshop on the death penalty. There will be a presentation and a video, followed by discussion. The undecided are particularly welcome. 18h30, Shatner 435.
- UNICEF Quebec presents an information kiosk and volunteer recruitment on campus at the Union Building Wednesday and Thursday, November 9-10, 11h-15h.
- Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics presents a seminar on 'Foreseeable trends for meta-analysis in medicine' on Thursday, November 10th, at 12:30, 1020 Pine Avenue W., Purvis Hall, Room 25. Dr. Milos Jenicek, Professor, Epidemiology and Clinical Epidemiology, University of Montreal will be speaking.
- McGill WUSC, in cooperation with the International Center for Human Rights and Democratic Development, present a discussion on Human Rights Abuses in Burma with Kevin Heppner of the Karen Human Rights Organization. Discussion held November 10, 1994 at 16h30 at the Center for Developing Area Studies (3715 Peel). Refreshments will be served.
- McGill Student Health Services presents its Annual Self Care Day. Thursday, November 10 between 10h 16h in the Shatner Building,

- Room 107-108. Get a massage, have your moles screened, take a fitness test, see the Tandem presentation 'The Silence of a Life' and much more.
- McGill Forum National presents the Honourable Ed Broadbent, Thursday, November 10th at 16h. at the Moot Court, Faculty of Law (3644 Peel Street). The topic is "Canada's Role on the International Stage". Coffee House to follow.
- Indigenous Peoples International will sponsor a talk on "Sovereignty in Quebec: Self-determination for the Cree and Mohawk Nations in the Context of Separatism", Friday, November 11, 1994 at Concordia University, Hall Building, Room 507, at 19h30.
- Join the November 12 March on Washington to end the U.S. embargo against Cuba. A bus will leave Montreal on November 11 at 21h. from Cremazie metro. Return Sunday AM. November 13. Round-trip costs \$60. For more information: Guy, 284-7369 (English and French) Olga, 695-0029 (French and Spanish) Brett, 9489-5287 or 288-1707 (English), Zina (485-5264).
- November 11-13 the Québec wing of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada will hold its General Assembly at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza (intersection of Sherbrooke and Durocher). Registration begins at 17h. Friday November 11. For more information contact 875-5577, or 982-0634.
- March in solidarity with East Timor, November 12th in Ottawa commemorating the third anniversary of the Dili massacre where Indonesian troops opened fire on a peaceful funeral procession killing 271 people. Meet at the Indonesian Embassy in Ottawa, 287 MacLaren at 13h. on November 12th and march to Parliament Hill. For more information call teh East Timor Alert Network at (613) 742-9141.
- Player's Theatre presents the highly replayed musical Cabaret, opening November 15th until November 26. Tickets on sale now. For information, 398-6813.
- Volunteer Coordinators are needed for the CLSC NDG/Mtl.O. Home-care Program and for the Meal Services Committee. This program has over 65 volunteers assisting people in need of medical and social services. For further information call 485-1677, or 485-7811, ext. 3030 or 4851677.
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The wave of protest swells

Students fight back against Axworthy proposals

Ottawa (CUP) — "Showing division at this critical time is the worst thing that can happen for the sake of students," said Guy Caron, chairperson of the Canadian Fed-

eration of Students (CFS).

Caron's warning to students not to succumb to the old divide and conquer technique, comes in the midst of the uproar over the

Liberal government's social policy reforms. Outlined in Axworthy's Green Paper, the reforms are threatening to privatize Canada's post-secondary education and mutilate its welfare and unemployment insurance systems.

Caron insisted that students must send the government a clear protest message right away, and that demonstrating their support for a national student organization like CFS is a good place to start. He expressed concern, however, that maintaining a unified front of student opposition may prove complicated. "It is difficult to make students aware of issues that affect them, especially in a culture that does not support involvement in political issues," he said.

But the University of Ottawa's

student council has already reacted forcefully to the dangerous proposals, organizing a general student protest for November 16 on Parliament Hill.

"The only way to make [the government] listen is to show them we can mobilize," said Jean-Michel Picard, a vice-president on U of O's student council.

"The rally is going to give us a chance to create an alliance between universities who are there... [and to] establish the voice of students as a strong voice in Canada," he continued.

Picard that it is important for students to voice their feelings now, as "students are marginalized by the government".

The U of O student council contacted universities across Canada, and students from New Brun-

swick and northern Québec will be participating in the rally.

Together, the students will show the "Liberals" in Parliament that we will not passively accept any hike in tuition fees.

Here at McGill, our Students' Society also organized a demonstration and staged it outside the Moot Court when Axworthy came to speak on October 12.

The CFS, meanwhile, will hold its general meeting from November 8-13 in Hull. Caron says that, among other things, members will discuss possibilities and strategies for CFS to implement a national strike.

"This time is critical for the future of our post-secondary education system," Caron insisted.

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Arguing the right to die

Svend Robinson to participate in McGill debate

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The issue of euthanasia is currently at the forefront of medical, legal, and moral debates in Canada. It became the focus of renewed attention last year with the case of Sue Rodriguez, a woman suffering from Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) who wanted to end her life with the aid of a physician.

Her case sparked a heated and very emotional debate. Sue Rodriguez lost her fight for "assisted suicide" in September 1993 with a 5-4 Supreme court decision. In February 1994, Rodriguez defied the decision and privately had a physician give her a lethal injection.

Should one be allowed to consciously terminate one's life, as Rodriguez did? Is this moral? Is this responsible? Is this rational? When can a person decide that one has reached the point where treatment of an illness is prolonging death, not life? Should life be preserved at all costs? What is the role of a Physician, who has sworn to protect life in all cases? These are some of the questions surrounding the debate over euthanasia and the "Right to Die".

By the end of this year there will be a vote in Parliament on the topic of legalizing euthanasia. What are the implications of the current dialogue on euthanasia, and what kinds of effects will a decision on its legality have on the future of our society?

Dr. Margaret Sommerville of the McGill Faculty of Law says, "I think that what we are fundamentally doing [with the debate about how one should die], is we are debating the vision and the ideology that will inform our society."

"[The question is], whether we are essentially an individualistic, rational, logical, cognitive, non-mystery, secular, no sense of anything sacred, everything is disposable,



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consumerist, materialist society, or whether we say that there are some mysteries beyond us that we need to live with in order to be fully human. If we don't let ourselves experience those mysteries, even though we can't control them, then we lose an enormous dimension of what it means to be human....I think the euthanasia debate is linked to the sort of society we wish to become..."

Sommerville is known for her stand against euthanasia, (which she defines as "giving people lethal injections"). She will be part of a panel discussion tonight at 6pm in Moot Court (3644 Peel St) on the topic "Is there a right to die?". The discussion is jointly sponsored by The Canadian Human Rights Foundation and the McGill Faculty of Law.

Svend Robinson, the British Columbia MP who was at the side of

Sue Rodriguez, and who is known for his pro-euthanasia view, will also participate. Dr. Marcel Boisvert and Dr. John R. Williams complete the panel, which will chaired by Justice Deschênes.

The executive director of the Canadian Human Rights Foundation, Ruth Selwyn, says that this discussion is part of the organisation's general mandate to "work on human rights education in Canada". Selwyn says that the Canadian Human Rights Foundation aims to highlight "issues of public interest...and to raise the level of human rights knowledge in Canada."

"We try to provide a platform for discussion" says Selwyn.

The panel discussion tonight will discuss the many issues raised in the emotionally charged case of Rodriguez, and help Canadians think about the direction they want to take in the question over the right to die.

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